



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2024 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Yampa Valley Community Foundation Conference Room
348 Oak Street, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
Hybrid option below

1. Roll Call

The meeting of the CAP Collaborative Board was called to order by Board Chair Gail Garey at 10 a.m.

Collaborative Board members in attendance:

- City of Steamboat Springs: Gail Garey
- Routt County: Sonja Macys
- Town of Yampa: Sheila Symons
- Town of Oak Creek: Melissa Dobbins
- Town of Hayden: Mathew Mendisco
- Community: Emily Katzman
- Community: Jeff Milius
- Community: Sarah Jones
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant

Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (YVSC) (CAP Program Management Entity) staff in attendance:

- Paul Bony
- Abby Vander Graaff
- Tim Sullivan
- Ashley Dean
- Michelle Stewart
- Luisa Lombera



2. Minutes

Sarah motioned to approve the minutes from October 4, 2024 and Emily seconded. All in favor.

3. Board Administration Updates

a. Partner engagement updates

i. South Routt School District - Tuesday, November 19 (5:30 p.m.)

Sonja, Sarah, Melissa and Sheila plan to attend the meeting with the goal of opening up communications pathways with the South Routt School District. Sheila will share information, framed as an update and introduction from the CAP Board, with the District for their agenda.

ii. Next partner engagement meeting discussion

YVSC will move its community meeting on the intersections of climate and public health with Katie Durrwachter-Erno and UCHealth to November 20 from 1-2 p.m. so CAP Board members can join.

Michelle will begin the conversation with UCHealth about meeting with the CAP Board.

b. MT 2030 key takeaways

Luisa, Michelle, Ashley, Tim, Sarah, Gail and others from the region attended Mountain Towns 2030 conference. CAP panel had about 80 participants who shared questions and discussion.

Takeaways from the conference by CAP Collaborative and YVSC include the importance of scope three emissions, destination stewardship and the use of location-based strategies. Other takeaways included the importance of having government resources provided to back ambitious climate goals and highlighting the financial cost of climate change in communications.

c. Greenhouse gas inventory update



Michelle noted that there's opportunity to align the greenhouse gas inventory with the electrification and decarbonization planning that will take place with the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant and predicted YVSC could find ways to get the cost of the greenhouse gas inventory down to about \$12,000 and apply existing funding sources.

Sonja said she doesn't see a need for a greenhouse gas inventory at the time and doesn't see a way it will change how Routt County does business.

Gail said that knowing the results will likely be worse than in 2018, the Board should consider what the messaging is around that.

Tim W. said the story is that there's a lot of work to be done.

Sarah mentioned the value of data and that it was important to complete for transparency, as common practice is to complete a greenhouse gas inventory every five years.

Jeff said the energy working group strongly recommended they conduct the inventory and that data is always useful.

Tim W. moved to authorize the managing entity to begin the greenhouse gas inventory. Sarah seconded.

Sonja said she would vote against the motion, noting she'd prefer to use money in ways that make a more material difference in changing behaviors.

Michelle asked if there was agreement that potential new greenhouse gas inventory data would be the data used in communications moving forward.

Tim W. asked if the Collaborative Board vote would override a government entity.

Sonja dropped from the Zoom call; the board collectively agreed it has further questions for Sonja.

Tim W. withdrew his motion to authorize the managing entity to begin the greenhouse gas inventory.



d. Community member board seat application

The community board member seats of Sarah and Tim W. are up; applications have been posted. Both are eligible to reapply.

e. CAP Public Open House update - Thursday, Dec. 5; 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Library Hall, Bud Werner Memorial Library

Date of the open house shifted to Dec. 5 and venue shifted to Library Hall. CAP Collaborative will share updates and host a Q&A session. Food, drink, English-Spanish translation and family programming will be included.

f. CAP Fund update

Delayed until December meeting.

5. Program Management Updates (YVSC)

a. Working Group updates

i. Approval of new CAP Waste Working Group member

Emily moved to approve Ben Cavarra, Sustainability Coordinator, Steamboat Ski and Resort Company, to join the CAP Waste Working Group. Tim W. seconded. All in favor.

b. Climate equity update

Luisa is working on creating the advisory committee and is in conversation with suggested members from relevant organizations in the community. Inaugural meeting is tentatively planned for November 19.

Luisa said the goal is to establish a framework and metrics through which to pass the current CAP recommendations.

c. Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant update

Paul is working on convening a subcommittee.



Other

Michelle will be in touch as grants with short timelines are expected to roll out soon.

- 1. Next meeting: Friday, December 6, 2024 from 10 a.m.-Noon, Gilpin Conference Room, Routt County Health and Human Services**

Sheila made a motion to adjourn, Tim W. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Abby Vander Graaff.

Approved December 6, 2024.